

Fairhaven Board of Assessors

40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

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August 25, 2011

The Fairhaven Board of Assessors held a publicly posted meeting at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

Ronald Manzone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM announcing minutes were being taken by Jane Bettencourt.

In attendance were Ronald Manzone, Pamela Davis and Jane Bettencourt. Ellis Withington was unable to attend.

Pam Davis motioned to approve the minutes of July 12, 2011 meeting as presented. This motion was seconded by Ron Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

Board members reviewed information regarding the appeal of FY11 real estate taxes for 154 Huttleston Avenue. Taxpayers agreed to \$874,200 for FY11 providing the FY12 value will be \$800,000. Pam Davis motioned to accept these terms. Ron Manzone seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was heard. Jane was instructed to contact the law firm representing the Fairhaven taxpayer and to process the abatement creating a tax dollar refund for FY11 in anticipation of withdrawal from ATB and to inform Wayne Peterson of Patriot Properties to make the appropriate change in value for FY12.

Members instructed Jane to contact Attorney Murphy regarding information requested for FY11 appeal of 14 Plaza Way. The Board requires such information to be received by September 2, 2011. This information will be on the agenda for the September meeting for review.

Turhan Irge of TMI Properties requested the Board review value of vacant restaurant formerly known as UNO's for FY2012. The Board agreed after review of correspondence and conversations with Mr. Irge during FY2010 the value for FY12 for the still vacant building should be decreased to \$1,200,000. Jane was instructed to inform Wayne Peterson of Patriot Properties to make this change.

All month end reports for motor vehicle and boat excise abatements were approved and signed.

Jane informed the Board Brian Arrighi was on the agenda for motor vehicle abatement of over-value of a trailer. At the time of the meeting, the taxpayer had not brought in the documentation of the proper value of the trailer. No action was taken; however, Pam Davis stated Mr. Arrighi should contact the RMV regarding the value error. The RMV will notify Assessors' to abate the bill at that time.

Bills Payable: The Board approved mileage reimbursement for Jane's field work of \$178.20.

Jane asked members if Melody and Kelly (Senior Clerks) could attend the Annual Clerks Meeting on October 20, 2011 at the Venus de Milo in Swansea. The cost for this meeting will be \$80.00. Jane stated she would "man" the office while they attended the morning meeting. Board members were pleased to unanimously vote to send both senior clerks to the meeting.

At 6:30 PM, Pam Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Ron Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E Bettencourt
Administrative Assistant
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Minutes approved on _____ September 27, 2011 _____ by:
